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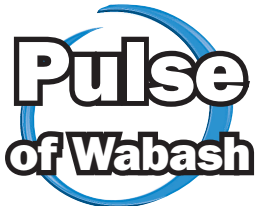
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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

## Fairy House Workshop set for Dec. 14

The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Salamonie Interpretive Center at Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$5 per person payable day of the event. Materials will be provided, with extra materials available for purchase. Advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. Limited space is available. The suggested age for the program is 10 and above, and those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

## LaFontaine Lions to host Santa Breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions will host a Santa Breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy, biscuit, juice, milk and coffee. Santa arrives at 9 a.m. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will go towards the LaFontaine United Methodist Church food pantry. Please bring in non-perishable foods. Donations of old glasses and keys will also be accepted.

## Christmas concert planned for Dec. 15

A Christmas concert featuring the Wabash sixth grade chorus has been planned from 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. To enjoy the sounds of the season, register by calling 260-563-4475.

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# Payton Sodervick is the 2020 Lilly Scholar



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**WINNER:** Payton Sodervick, center, stands with his brother, Niko Macaluso, left, his mother, Lisa Sodervick, right.

## Wabash High School Senior awarded four-year, full-tuition scholarship

BY ROB BURGESS  
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Wabash High School senior Payton Sodervick filled out an application for the four-year, full-tuition Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship with little confidence he would be selected as the 2020 recipient. He knew the competition would be stiff among the high ability, high need students in the county, but in the end, the Community Foundation of Wabash County, the

local manager of the scholarship selection process, named Sodervick for superior academic achievements, essays, leadership, student involvement, volunteerism, work ethic and financial need, according to Julie Garber, program director.

Sodervick was named the 2020 Lilly Scholar at a ceremony Monday at the Honeywell Center.

Payton is the son of Lisa Sodervick of Wabash and Barry Sodervick of Hun-

tington. He credits his mother and his Sodervick grandparents with keeping on the pressure to go to college. Payton's grandfather was the first principal of O. J. Neighbors Elementary School and his grandmother was a respected teacher in Wabash City Schools, but his parents did not attend college and the dream of postsecondary education was not a given. Still, Payton's mom urged him on, knowing that college delivers

benefits all through life.

Payton plans to attend Indiana University to study accounting and finance to become an accountant or financial analyst. He worked for the Wabash City Street Department every day last summer to save for college. While he liked the work, he looks forward to a challenging career at a desk job. In addition to hard work in school, Payton has taken on

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## WHS receives \$190K Early College grant

Program focuses on mentoring other area high schools

BY ROB BURGESS

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Wabash High School (WHS) will receive \$190,000 in grant funding over the next five years to mentor other high schools beginning Early College programs as part of an award given to the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Jason Callahan, Wabash City Schools (WCS) superintendent, stated Wabash High School has been an endorsed Early College (EC) since 2015.

"Because of our success in providing early college opportunities for our students and WCS's philosophy of finding the yes, the endorsing organization CELL sought us out to be involved in the grant application," he stated.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Justin Vail, WCS director of technology, stated he spoke with Josh Blossom, the director of the Wabash County Community Learning Center, who

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# Artists sought for Honeywell art competition

Entries open to artists of all ages living in any of Indiana's 92 counties

## STAFF REPORT

Whether you are an amateur or professional artist, the Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, according to a press release.

Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. The competition is open to artists of all ages living in any of Indiana's 92 counties. Exhibit sponsorship is provided by the Eclectic Shoppe.

Marking its 27th year in 2020, the 92 County Art Show consists of three

primary categories: drawings, paintings and other art forms. An entry fee of \$20 includes up to three entries. For a list of the complete guidelines, visit the Honeywell Center website at [www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show](http://www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show).

A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@honeywellcenter.org](mailto:mhughes@honeywellcenter.org)

or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

"The 92 County Art Show is just one way that the Clark Gallery supports the visual arts," stated the release. "The Clark Gallery hosts more than ten exhibits per year and features students, amateurs and professionals. Exhibits include the Wabash County Schools, Themed Art Com-

petition and Wabash Art Guild."

Because the Gallery encompasses the semi-circle of the Honeywell Center Porter Lobby, foot traffic exceeds 170,000 guests per year. Nearly every exhibit hosts a reception to introduce the public to the art. All of this is done free of charge because the Clark Gallery is a part of the mission of The Honeywell Foundation.

# Museum changes name; announces grants, programs

Christmas at the Museum banquet held Wednesday

## STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County Historical Museum announced several organizational and program changes during their annual Christmas at the Museum banquet Wednesday, Dec. 11, according to a press release.

The first and most noticeable change is that the Wabash County Historical Museum changed its name to the Wabash County Museum and introduced a new logo and brand.

"The need for this change stemmed from the Museum's desire to better reflect their growing program reach and connect with a wider demographic, including young adults and youth," stated the release. "Mitch Figert, CEO

and president, aspires to get the younger generation excited about local history."

The Wabash County Historical Museum employed Bad Apple Graphics to design a new logo that "incorporates their values, such as community engagement, an interest in local history and the inspiration of families."

The museum also announced two new membership levels and a new relationship "to make enjoying the Wabash County Museum and other museums around the country more accessible."

First, Figert announced a grant of \$5,000 from the Community Foundation of Wabash County to implement a Family Access Membership program. The Family Access Membership program allows families from Wabash County who are receiving public assistance, or who get a referral from a local educator, to receive a no-cost annu-

al membership to the Wabash County Museum.

"By offering the Family Access Membership program, the Museum will be able to welcome more families into the Museum who previously did not have access," stated the release.

In addition, Figert announced that the Museum has joined an initiative with the Institute for Museum and Library Services called Museums for All. As part of this program, anyone receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance will be entitled to free admission to the museum.

By joining this initiative, the Museum joins more than 300 museums nationwide who work to ensure families are able to enjoy quality arts and cultural programming with no barriers.

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# Panel vote sends Trump impeachment charges to full House

BY LISA MASCARO  
and MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats propelled President Donald Trump's impeachment toward a historic vote by the full U.S. House as the Judiciary Committee on Friday approved charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. It's the latest major step in the constitutional and political storm that has divided Congress and the nation.

The House is expected to approve the two articles of impeachment next week, before lawmakers depart for the holidays.

The partisan split in the committee vote — 23 Democrats to 17 Republicans — reflects the atmosphere in Congress. The Democratic-majority House is expected to approve the charges against Trump next

week, but the Republican-controlled Senate is likely to acquit him after a January trial.

Trump is accused, in the first article, of abusing his presidential power by asking Ukraine to investigate his 2020 rival Joe Biden while holding military aid as leverage, and, in the second, of obstructing Congress by blocking the House's efforts to probe his actions.

"Today is a solemn and sad day," Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., told reporters after the session, marking the third time in U.S. history the panel had voted to recommend impeaching a president. He said the full House would act "expeditiously."

After the milestone votes, Trump's press secretary,

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**FINALISTS:** The finalists for this year’s scholarship include: Back row, from left: Payton Sodervick, Levi Fulkerson, Jackson Simons and Wyatt Davis. And, front row, from left: Shyla Judy and Anna Pyle.

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numerous leadership roles, including student council officer, football team captain, baseball team captain, Fellowship of Christian Athletes member, and Key Club member. In his junior year, Payton and other entrepreneurs formed a business that helped senior citizens in the community with yard work and landscaping. He is also active in helping younger athletes build skills, practice accountability, and develop a strong sense of teamwork.

When asked about the greatest influence in his life, Payton points to his mother who has supported his educational ambitions. The greatest relief in receiving the LEC scholarship for Payton is not that he will have an opportunity to acquire a college education without debt, but the assurance that his family won’t be burdened with his college debt. Payton would like to thank the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for this incredible opportunity.

Five additional finalists

Wyatt Davis is a Wabash High School senior and son of James and Amanda Davis of Wabash. Wyatt plans to attend Indiana University or Ball State to study secondary education or nursing. He is drawn to professions that help people and volunteer activities that give his sense of compassion an outlet, such as Blessings in a Backpack, mission trips, holiday meals for people in need, and Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Wyatt is also a natural leader who has served as leader of FCA, soccer team captain, coach, and a member of the Mayor’s Youth Council. He has earned an academic letter, been inducted into National Honor Society, and was named a scholar athlete. Wyatt goes at challenges, crises, and opportunities with a combination of determination and caring, which are essential skills for teachers and health professionals.

Levi Fulkerson graduates from Northfield in May 2020 and heads to the University of Indianapolis to study physical therapy. Levi is the son of David and Michelle Fulkerson of Roann. He gets his inspiration for PT from his father, who is a therapist. Levi points out that PT is practiced in numerous settings, from hospitals, clinics, schools, nursing homes, and sports facili-

ties, for a variety of children and adults. He looks forward to the opportunities the profession offers. Levi is an athlete, a scholar, and a leader. In between schoolwork and sports, he leads children’s worship at church, volunteers at the museum and a mission, and does yardwork for seniors. Levi strives for excellence. He earned an SAT super score and was recognized for achievements in anatomy and physiology and AP biology.

Shyla Judy is a senior at Southwood High School and the daughter of Laura Lee Enix and the late Sean Judy. Shyla plans a career in health sciences and psychology after college. A strong interest in people and how they think is the motivation for Shyla’s interest in physical and mental health careers. Having experienced the loss of her father two years ago, Shyla knows what kind of emotional support people need amid tough challenges. Also, Shyla has an interest in helping people with addictions in Indiana. Her volunteer activities include A Night to Shine (a prom for young adults with intellectual disabilities) and a mission trip to South Carolina to clean up after recent flooding. Whenever given the opportunity, Shyla dives in headfirst to learn about a wide variety of people in an array of situations, all of which fascinate her.

Anna Pyle is a Manchester High School student and daughter of Kirk and Jennie Pyle of North Manchester. Anna plans to study linguistics at Taylor University and pursue a career as a linguist. Already fluent in two languages, Anna enters college with a linguistic advantage. She hopes to foster international business communication, assisting Indiana businesses with international connections in Asia. Anna was born in China where, she notes, she was the recipient of charity at an orphanage. Now, one of her favorite activities is serving meals with her youth group in a homeless shelter and giving back to people in need. Anna has been honored for academic excellence and has been inducted into the National Honor Society. She has participated in tennis, track, choir, and 4-H. To save for college, Anna works part-time at Timbercrest Senior Living Community.

Jackson Simons will graduate from Southwood High School in May and is considering enrolling at In-

diana University or Wabash College to major in pre-law. He is the son of Rebecca Simons of Wabash. Jackson has a passion for public speaking and debate, which led him to an interest in law. He has wide interests in both schoolwork and extracurricular activities. He served on the Crossroads Junior Board of Directors, took part in student government, played football, won the local Trig-Star contest, and was named Spanish III Student of the Year. His volunteer activities include helping with Special Olympics and a mission trip to South Dakota to work with a Lakota community. A senior internship with Wabash County Court Services has cemented Jackson’s interest in practicing law and given him exposure to many aspects of law enforcement for the first time.

How to apply for next year

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Garber stated all rising seniors in the county get a letter in the summer before their senior year inviting them to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Garber stated they must qualify by:

■ Residing in Wabash County for all four semesters of the junior and senior years. (Students may live in Wabash County but attend high school in another county; however, they may apply in only one place.)

■ Having graduated in the current academic year from an accredited high school.

■ Having graduated from high school with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

■ Being accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited Indiana college or university.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, begun in 1998, has awarded full-tuition scholarships to 4,769 students, representing over \$379 million in scholarship tuition. The primary purposes of LEC scholarship program are:

■ To help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana.










■ To increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities.

■ To encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities through the state.

The Community Foundation of Wabash County administers the LECS application and selection process for Wabash County students. Since 1998, 38 Wabash County students have received the LEC scholarship.

“The prestigious program is an important aspect of Wabash County’s drive to increase the educational attainment level of citizens and prepare generations for the 21st-century workforce,” stated Garber.

5-Day Weather Summary

				
<b>Saturday</b> Cloudy 37 / 20	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 29 / 23	<b>Monday</b> Scattered Snow 31 / 25	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy 26 / 12	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 21 / 13
<b>Sun and Moon</b> Today's sunset ..... 5:20 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:05 a.m.  Last 12/18  New 12/26  First 1/2  Full 1/10			<b>Detailed Local Outlook</b> Today we will see cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 37°, humidity of 87%. West northwest wind 3 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 20°. West wind 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 12°.	

Daughter too self-involved to make time for nanny

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** When my daughter was a baby, we had a nanny who took care of her for many years. Time has passed so quickly; my daughter is about to go to college.

We recently heard from our former nanny, and she really wants to see my daughter before she goes away. The problem is that my daughter is so caught up in her friends and school that she is usually too busy to think about the elders in her life – even though she loves her nanny a lot. How can I get her to slow down for a minute and make time to see this person who is important to her? – Nanny Love

**Harriette Cole**  
Sense & Sensitivity



Love

**DEAR NANNY LOVE:** Now is the time to put your foot down. Schedule a time when you invite your nanny over or organize a meal at a restaurant or some other mutually comfortable location. Let your daughter know that it is a requirement that she make time to visit with her former nanny. Don’t set it up as a punishment; instead, encourage her to be excited by letting her know how special it is that her nanny wants to see her after so many years. In the end, though, make it clear that you expect your daughter to show up with a smile on her face to spend time with this trusted extended family member. If she refuses, take away some privileges until she is forced to wake up to who she is and what she values.

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I went to the funeral of a friend’s father. He was a prominent person in his hometown, and the funeral was very nice – as those things go. My friend, however, was very upset.

When we were growing up, my friend used to say that her father was mean to her and her brother. Now

that he has died, those old memories are bubbling up, and she is upset again.

At the family gathering after the funeral, we had to take her to another room when she started shouting about how mad she was at her dad. She has a right to her feelings, but the way she handled herself at the funeral was not good. I think she needs help in order to get past these bad memories. How can I get her to see this? – Grieving Friend

**DEAR GRIEVING FRIEND:** Death stirs up all manner of emotions, and people do need to go through whatever surfaces. That doesn’t mean that your friend should have gotten a pass for being rude at her father’s funeral.

It does mean that now would be the perfect time to get professional help to sort through what she’s feeling.

As her friend, you can gently suggest that a grief counselor might be useful as she explores her emotions. Tell her that you wish you had the training and experience to help her properly, but you don’t. Encourage her to engage a professional who can listen to her objectively and help her understand what her thoughts and feelings mean and how to process them.

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<b>Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)</b> Fri: 6:50, 7:15 • Sat: Sun: 12:55, 4:25, 6:50, 7:15 Mon: 6:50, 7:15 • Tues: 7:15 Wed: 6:50, 7:15 • Thurs: 6:55	<b>Knives Out (PG13)</b> Fri: 6:30, 9:45 • Sat: 1:35, 3:35, 6:30, 9:45 Sun: 1:35, 3:35, 6:30 • Mon- Wed: 6:30 Thurs: 6:35
<b>Jumanji: The Next Level in RealD 3D (PG13)</b> Fri: 9:35 • Sat: 3:45, 9:35 • Sun: 3:45	<b>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (PG)</b> Fri: 7:05, 9:25 • Sat: 1:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25 Sun: 1:05, 4:35, 7:05 • Mon- Wed: 7:05 Thurs: 7:05
<b>Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in RealD 3D (PG13)</b> Thurs: 6:15	<b>Frozen II in 2D (PG)</b> Fri: 6:40, 9:15 • Sat: 1:15, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15 Sun: 1:15, 4:05, 6:40 • Mon- Wed: 6:40 Thurs: 6:45
<b>Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in RealD 3D (PG13)</b> Thurs: 6:25	

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03-11-34-36-40  
Estimated jackpot: \$214,500  
Cash4Life  
06-21-49-53-55, Cash Ball: 1  
Daily Three-Midday  
9-2-7, SB: 5  
Daily Three-Evening  
3-9-7, SB: 9  
Daily Four-Midday  
7-7-0-6, SB: 5  
Daily Four-Evening  
9-2-9-3, SB: 9  
Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$340 million  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$150 million

**FRIDAY'S METALS**

Aluminum .....	.80
Copper .....	2.77
Lead .....	.87
Zinc .....	1.01
Gold .....	1,475.82
Silver .....	16.94
Platinum .....	927.58

**AREA GRAIN**

Estimated grain prices  
Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.96. Soybeans: \$9.00.



# ‘It’s all history now’

BY PETE JONES

“Not in a hundred years will the telephone replace the telegraph!” That’s what W. E. Chandler, manager of the Western Union office in Wabash said to Charles Haas, editor of The Plain Dealer in March 1906.

Haas was interviewing Chandler for a story about the opening of the telegraph company’s new office in a store known as The Hub on the site of today’s City Hall at the southwest corner of Wabash and Market streets.

Businessmen welcomed the move of the telegraph office to the downtown area for they were the primary users of Western Union. The new office was far more convenient than the former location in the Wabash Railroad depot near the railroad crossing at Huntington Street. And The Hub was much closer to the city’s hotels, where traveling salesmen used Western Union to stay in touch with their home offices.

Not only did Western Union provide nearly instant communication with

distant cities, but it also synchronized many clocks in Wabash. The company maintained a master clock in its office, and this was linked by wire with other timepieces in the city.

The first telegraph line reached Wabash in 1849. Most folks welcomed the relatively new invention, but there were exceptions. Surprisingly, one of the most vocal objectors was John L. Knight, the feisty editor of the Wabash Gazette.

He thought a good plank road connecting Wabash with “the rest of the world” would be more valuable than the telegraph or even a railroad.

But Dr. James Ford, acknowledged by many to be the town’s most enlightened citizen, spoke in favor of the telegraph. In a letter published in Knight’s newspaper, Dr. Ford wrote that if Wabash secured a telegraph line, “Knowledge will increase, spirit mingle with spirit thousands of miles asunder even though mountains, rivers and seas intervene.”

Even though Dr. Ford’s

prose this time was more purple than usual, his words carried the day and Wabash residents were quick to raise the \$1,500 the company demanded to run its lines into town.

Years after Western Union first moved downtown, it established an office in the Hotel Indiana, which is now the Charley Creek Inn. Anyone who wanted to send a telegram entered the office through what is now the middle Market Street door at Twenty.

The office was always busy and alive with the chatter of the telegraph key and various printing devices. Patrons wrote out their telegrams in longhand on pads of iconic yellow paper, handed them across the high counter and their message was soon on its way to a distant destination.

Recipients of incoming telegrams received calls from a clerk who read the message and offered to dispatch a printed copy by one of the messenger boys who were always standing by.

Because of the nature of the system, communication by telegram offered little in the way of privacy. Too many hands handled the message, and too many eyes had access to it.

I’ve often thought that George Bowles, the longtime manager of Western Union’s Wabash office, and his staff were the first to know of deaths and births of relatives of Wabash people, of pending business deals and otherwise “private” information.

That was particularly true in World War II when the government used telegrams to notify the next-of-kin of deaths and injuries to servicemen and women from Wabash. Bowles and his staff were the first to know, and that must have been a burden.

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# Elkhart Police Department must track use of force

ELKHART (AP) — A northern Indiana city’s police department has a reputation for the rough treatment of residents and offending officers are seldom held accountable, according to an external review conducted following the release of video showing two officers repeatedly punching a handcuffed man.

The assessment of the Elkhart Police Department conducted by a former federal prosecutor was made public Thursday, the South Bend Tribune reported.

The review, led by former U.S. Attorney Deborah Daniels, notes improvements made by Mayor Tim Neese, who ordered the study and named a new police chief in January after his predecessor resigned under fire.

The former chief downplayed the actions of the officers in the video, who have been charged with federal civil rights crimes. “The former chief’s near-

abandonment of discipline is said to have been intended to build morale, which he felt was low when he arrived; but it appears to have injured both the public reputation of the department and the morale of its officers,” the study said.

Recommendations included in the review include better tracking of officers’ use of force and complaints against them, and developing an “early-warning system” for officers involved in a high number of such incidents. The study also said the department should examine racial bias within its ranks, since black residents comprise about 15 percent of Elkhart’s population but account for about 40 percent of cases involving use of force.

Neese said at a news conference that the focus of the process “has been about transparency,” adding: “Transparency is what the public will continue to receive.”

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Stephanie Grisham, labeled the proceedings a “desperate charade” and said, “The President looks forward to receiving in the Senate the fair treatment and due process which continues to be disgracefully denied to him by the House.”

Voting was swift and solemn, with none of the fiery speeches and weighty nods to history that defined the previous two days of debate, including 14 hours that stretched nearly to midnight Thursday. Nadler abruptly halted that rancorous session so voting could be held in daylight, for all Americans to see.

Nadler, who had said he wanted lawmakers to “search their consciences” before casting their votes, gavelled in the landmark but brief morning session at the Capitol.

Lawmakers responded “aye” or “yes” for the Democrats, and simple: “no’s” from the Republicans.

“The article is agreed to,” Nadler declared after each vote.

The top Republican on the panel Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia immediately said he would file dissenting views.

Minutes after the morning session opened, it was gavelled shut.

Trump is only the fourth U.S. president to face impeachment proceedings and the first to be running for reelection at the same time. The outcome of the eventual House votes pose potentially serious political consequences for both parties ahead of the 2020 elections, with Americans deeply divided over whether the president indeed conducted impeachable acts and if it should be up to Congress, or

the voters, to decide whether he should remain in office.

The president took to Twitter early Friday to praise the panel’s Republicans as “warriors.” After the vote he said at the White House that Democrats were making fools of themselves, describing the proceedings as he often does: “a witch hunt,” “scam,” and “hoax.”

Trump insisted anew that when he asked Ukraine to “do us a favor,” in the July phone call that sparked impeachment, he was referring to the U.S., not a political favor for himself. He derided the government officials who testified that he pressured Ukraine and claimed he was benefiting politically from impeachment.

The president has refused to participate in the proceedings, tweeting criticisms as he did Thursday from the sidelines, mocking the charges against him in the House’s nine-page resolution as “impeachment light.” But House Speaker Pelosi said the president was wrong and the case against him is deeply grounded.

Democrats contend that Trump has engaged in a pattern of misconduct to-

ward Russia dating back to the 2016 election campaign that special counsel Robert Mueller investigated. And they say his dealings with Ukraine have benefited its aggressive neighbor Russia, not the U.S., and he must be prevented from “corrupting” U.S. elections again and cheating his way to a second term next year.

“It is urgent,” Pelosi said.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said late Thursday on Fox News, “There is zero chance the president will be removed from office.” He said he was hoping to have no GOP defections in the Senate trial next year.

The Judiciary Committee session drew out over two days, much of time spent in fights over amendments.

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Bringing even more attention to the situation, Giuliani showed up at the White House on Friday. Just

back from Ukraine, he was expected to brief Trump on his search for information. Many GOP lawmakers are trying to ignore Giuliani, blaming him for Trump’s predicament.

After lawmakers trudged through two days of hearings, tempers still flared Friday.

Florida GOP Rep. Matt Gaetz said, “For Democrats, impeachment is their drug, it is their obsession, it is their total focus.”

“My vote is no,” said Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas. Then, before the tally was announced, he inquired how his vote was recorded by the clerk. “I want to make sure.”

Nadler said late Thursday night, after presiding over the two-day session, “I want the members on both sides

of the aisle to think about what has happened over these past two days and to search their consciences before they cast their final votes.”

The Republicans on the panel, blindsided by the move to Friday, were livid. When Nadler announced it, they started yelling “unbelievable” and “they just want to be on TV.” Congress was to be out of session on Friday, and many lawmakers had other plans, some outside Washington.

“This is the kangaroo court that we’re talking about” stormed Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, the top Republican on the panel, who said he had not been consulted on the decision.

Debate over amendments had dragged on with famil-

iar arguments: Democrats cited evidence they said showed Trump’s misconduct, while Republicans insisted the entire investigation was bogus. Typical was the first amendment, offered by GOP Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, who tried to delete the first charge against Trump. “This amendment strikes article one because article one ignores the truth,” he declared.

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It was defeated, 23-17, on a party line vote, as were all the others that followed.

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## Tammy Lynn Long

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Tammy Lynn Long, 55, Marion, passed away in her home at 8:10 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. She was born in Wabash on Thursday, January 16, 1964, to William and Phillis (Parrett) Conliff.

Tammy received her bachelor's degree in nursing and worked as a trauma nurse throughout her life. She volunteered for Helping Hands and enjoyed helping in the community any way she could. She also loved shopping, but especially enjoyed spending time with her grandkids.

She is survived by her son, Jeff (Kelsey) Long of Leesburg; brothers, William Armstrong of Marion,

Michael Armstrong of Greentown, and Greg Armstrong of Marion; granddaughter, Jaedyn Long; and grandsons, Paxton Long and Xander Long.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Scott Armstrong; sister-in-law, Sammy Armstrong; and cousin, Pam Parrett.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019, at Falls Cemetery in Wabash, IN.

Arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN.

Memories may be shared online at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).

## 'Rise of Skywalker' is almost here, but a dark side looms

BY JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — When Disney bought Lucasfilm for more than \$4 billion in 2012, there were lofty expectations of reviving "Star Wars" in spectacular hyper-speed fashion with a new trilogy that continued the story of Luke Skywalker and other beloved characters.

The space saga has been a smart investment, starting with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which in 2015 became the fastest movie to reach \$1 billion. Despite the financial success, there's been a dark side — fierce criticism of the new trilogy amplified by social media.

Some fans have attacked the story lines, which have shifted away from Skywalker toward a new generation of characters.

The new films are more inclusive and feature a diverse cast and a focus on a female protagonist, Daisy Ridley's Rey, leading to volleys of racist and sexist remarks directed at the franchise's newest stars.

With "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" opening in theaters Dec. 20, director J.J. Abrams expects more backlash. Especially since the new film — which he calls the "aftermath of Luke Skywalker and his sister Princess Leia" — is the final installment of a nine-part movie series that began 42 years ago.

"There are some people who, in this age of outrage, need to be vitriolic and hurtful, and that's not right," said Abrams, who returns after directing "The Force Awakens."

He co-wrote and directed "Rise of Skywalker" after handing over the reins to Rian Johnson for 2017's "The Last Jedi," a blockbuster that received mostly positive reviews from movie critics but remains divisive among hardcore fans.

Several thousand fans signed a petition for Disney to remake "The Last Jedi," which showed Luke Skywalker as a surly recluse disillusioned with his powers.

Even Mark Hamill, who played Skywalker in five films, said it was tough for him to comprehend the story's arc and see his character's idealism fade. Johnson has said he received death threats from online trolls.

Abrams is a longtime "Star Wars" fan and understands fans are passionate. But he draws the line when

comments attempt to demoralize the film's cast or production, which he says is a cultural issue, not a "Star Wars" one.

"That in no way is a 'Star Wars' phenomenon," Abrams told The Associated Press. "That is a cultural phenomenon. If you're not in the right political party, you're against us. If you're not doing exactly what they want, then you're an abomination. It's sort of par for the course in everything right now."

Abrams said "Rise of Skywalker" is no way an apology for the previous film. The director said he's not worried about potential backlash or feeling any pressure heading into the release.

"If you're being crushed by a car and an elephant stands on the car, it's irrelevant," he said. "Like, it doesn't matter. There's a point at which the insanity of what it means to be working on a 'Star Wars' movie blinds you. Anything past that threshold is just additional light, noise and weight. I know it's a lot."

But you have to embrace and accept the responsibility that you've got. You want people to laugh and cry.

That emotion can't come if you're constantly looking over your shoulder of what the studio might feel or the logistics or what the fans are saying. All you can do is the best job you can."

"Rise of Skywalker" faces galactic expectations. The filmmakers have promised it will be the conclusion of the Skywalker saga, a lineage that traces from Darth Vader through his grandson, the powerful Dark Side enforcer Kylo Ren.

"The Force Awakens" marked the first time the original trilogy's characters, Han Solo, Luke Skywalker and his sister Leia, would return to the big screen, though the focus has now shifted to new characters.

Ridley said she doesn't feel the weight of expectations mostly because she's not on social media. However, she said she intends to shut her cellphone off when the film premieres. The actress learned when she signed on to play in "The Force Awakens" that she needed to find ways to block out the noise.

Ridley said it helped that she didn't know much about Star Wars before joining the franchise.

## Gary to rename street for '60s civil rights leader Malcolm X

GARY (AP) — The city of Gary is renaming a street to honor controversial 1960s civil rights leader Malcolm X.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said one of her last acts in office will be issuing an executive order to rename Virginia Street as Malcolm X Boulevard.

She said Malcolm X emphasized, particularly to-

wards the end of his life, "how much those who struggled and those who were under-served and underprivileged had in common."

"He emphasized how poor people, people of color, and others who were disenfranchised politically and economically had a lot more in common, and that we needed to fight together

on behalf of change. That really is a message that is applicable today, just as it was in the 1960s and late 1950s when people were struggling for basic human rights. Here today, how racially divided we are troubles me," Freeman-Wilson told The (Northwest Indiana) Times.

Malcolm X, a Muslim minister who broke away

from the Nation of Islam in 1964, was assassinated Feb. 21, 1965 at the age of 39 by three Nation members during a speaking engagement in Manhattan.

She said she will issue the Malcolm X order on Dec. 20.

It will take effect July 1 because street signs and addresses will need to be changed.

## Science Says: Diet plays big role in how huge whales can get

BY MALCOLM RITTER  
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — Whales are big, but why aren't they bigger? A new study says it's basically about how many calories they can take in.

That's the conclusion of researchers who used small boats to chase down 300 whales of various species around the world. They reached out with a long pole to attach sensors to the creatures with suction cups, allowing them to record what the animals were doing on their dives for food.

The results suggest body size is controlled by how whales capture prey and how much food is available, researchers reported Thursday in the journal Science.

The study included 90 blue whales, the biggest animal ever to live. Size estimates vary, but the American Cetacean Society says blue whales can grow about

100 feet long and weigh more than 100 tons. The study also included the biggest whale with teeth, the sperm whale, which can stretch about 60 feet long, the group says.

When toothed whales hunt, they capture one prey at a time, seeking them out in the murky depths with a sonar-like detection. The study found that as body size increases in such whales, they become progressively less efficient as they hunt — they recover fewer calories from their meals per calorie burned in each dive. That results from limits on availability of prey.

"It looks like you cannot be much bigger than a sperm whale" when hunting the way it does, said Nicholas Pyenson of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, who was part of the research.

The blue whale can be

bigger because it feeds in a much different and highly efficient way, the study says. It opens its mouth wide and engulfs an immense volume of water, even bigger than its body size, as it swims along. Then it closes its mouth and strains the water out through a sieve-like filter, which traps huge amounts of tiny shrimp-like creatures called krill.

That "allows them to exploit a very large prey resource that's very rich in a small amount of time," said Jeremy Goldbogen of Stanford University, another researcher. "They get a huge bang for the buck."

So why aren't they even bigger than they are? Maybe blue whales are limited by the seasonal nature of the most nutritious krill patches, which grow gigantic and dense in the summer, Goldbogen said. And calculations indicate that to sustain a blue whale that's

115 feet long, "you'd need a density of prey that is just not seen anywhere in the world," Pyenson said.

But maybe there's also some kind of limiting factor in how their bodies function, Goldbogen said. He noted a recent study that found a blue whale's heart beats up to 37 times a second after deep dives, and that appears to be about as fast as the organ can pump.

Another limiting factor could be a whale's ability to process the food it takes in, said Terrie Williams of the University of California, Santa Cruz, who did not participate in the research.

The study provided a comprehensive look across big whale species, and the success in collecting the data "boggles the mind," she said.

"You try to go out and put a tiny tag on the back of the biggest animal in the world," she said.

## Trump says U.S., China have reached deal; Sunday tariffs off

BY PAUL WISEMAN  
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday that the U.S. has canceled plans to impose new tariffs on \$160 billion worth of Chinese imports Sunday as part of a modest interim agreement that de-escalates a 17-month trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

The United States is also reducing existing import taxes on about \$112 billion in Chinese goods from 15 percent to 7.5 percent. In return, Trump said on Twitter, the Chinese have agreed to "massive" purchases of American farm and manufactured products as part of a so-called Phase 1 deal.

The office of Trump's trade representative said China had consented to "structural reforms" that would improve intellectual property protection and curb the practice of forcing foreign companies to hand over technology as the price of admission to the Chinese market. But it offered no details, and business groups said more needed to be done to combat Beijing's aggressive trade practices.

"This deal should go a long way in reversing the downward spiral in bilateral trade relations and increasing certainty for U.S. businesses," said Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade negotiator who is now vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute. But, she said, "it's un-

clear on how far the Phase 1 agreement goes in addressing the key structural issues that brought the U.S. to the negotiating table 17 months ago."

Trump's announcement came minutes after the House Judiciary Committee approved impeachment charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, leading the White House to argue that the president "never stops working and continues to make successful deals that benefit this country." Chinese officials said at a briefing in Beijing Friday that if Washington reduces the tariffs, China will lower its trade penalties on American goods and also scrap plans for new tariffs Sunday.

Trump told reporters at the White House that Chinese farm purchases would hit \$50 billion. China's deputy finance minister Liao Min said "China is ready to work with the U.S. side to do more to promote growth in trade" but would not confirm the \$50 billion figure. U.S. farm exports to China have never topped \$26 billion a year.

The deal announced Friday leaves unresolved some of the thorniest issues. But Trump said work on a follow-up would begin "immediately, rather than waiting until after the 2020 Election. This is an amazing deal for all. Thank you!"

Friday's announcement was a long time coming. Trump first announced a Phase 1 deal on Oct. 11, but negotiations on a final version continued for two months.

Financial markets rallied

in Asia on hopes for reduced trade tension. But stocks were down modestly in early trading on Wall Street.

The administration accuses China of cheating in its drive to develop advanced technologies as driverless cars and artificial intelligence. The administration alleges, and independent analysts generally agree, that China steals technology, forces foreign companies to hand over trade secrets, unfairly subsidizes its own firms and throws up bureaucratic hurdles for foreign rivals.

Beijing rejects the accusations and contends that Washington is simply trying to suppress a rising competitor in international trade.

Since July 2018, the Trump administration has imposed a bewildering series of trade sanctions on China, sometimes changing or delaying planned tariff rates.

Friday's announcement means that the U.S. will continue to levy 25 percent import taxes on \$250 billion in Chinese goods and will halve the tariffs on another \$112 billion to 7.5 percent. It will drop plans to target an additional \$160 billion. That step would have extended the tariffs to just about everything China sells the United States and would have hit consumer items such as toys and smartphones that have so far largely been spared.

Beijing has retaliated by taxing \$120 billion in U.S. exports, including soybeans and other farm products that are vital to many of Trump's supporters in rural America.

Rob Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, said "the agreement represents progress" but said "the United States must still comprehensively address China's rampant innovation mercantilist practices."

Mary Lovely, a trade economist at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said it is unlikely that Friday's deal delivers enough benefits for the U.S. to outweigh the costs of the trade fight so far.

U.S. farmers lost billions of dollars in income, companies paid billions in tariffs and in many cases shifted their supply chains, and consumers saw some prices increase. "Many of us are highly skeptical that the agreement will be enough to outweigh these other costs," Lovely said. "The U.S. didn't move the needle very much."

Still, the agreement should help smooth some of the uncertainty surrounding global trade, Lovely said. "We have a cease-fire, we have some roll back, that is very significant," she said. "We were kind of on a brink here, and we saw the negotiators pull us back."

Repeated rounds of negotiations had failed to achieve a substantive deal. The prolonged uncertainty over Trump's trade policies has curtailed U.S. business investment and likely held back economic growth. Many corporations have slowed or suspended investment plans until they know when, how or even whether the trade standoff will end.

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our take

Drug prices are too high

Bipartisanship isn't easy, but it's what we need more than ever.

There seems to be a sickness in Washington, D.C. where nobody wants to do anything that benefits the American people because finding middle ground equates to defeat in our hyper-partisan political climate.

It's a two-way street, and both parties are guilty of stonewalling federal efforts to protect U.S. Citizens.

Just like the Democratic Party needs to take one on the chin and pass the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the GOP needs to make concessions on its half-baked prescription drug price legislation and prioritize the general public's wellbeing over the profits of pharmaceutical companies that the party has been coddling for far too long.

Two weeks before the mid-term elections, President Donald Trump, feeling the pressure of losing control of the U.S. House of Representatives, promised the American people to do something about drug prices, but two years later, the Republican-controlled Senate still vows to vote down any

Democrat-controlled House bill.

Furthermore, prices for all brand-name drugs increased more than four times the rate of inflation during Trump's first year in office, according to a study by AARP's public policy institute.

Since all of that, Republicans are now looking into having the federal government control prices, but their plan lacks gumption. The American people are tired of paying three times more than other western countries, and we want change.

While the Congressional Budget Office projects the Republican bill will save taxpayers roughly \$100 billion over the next decade, projections for the Democratic bill outpace the Republican bill, and the only people it's making nervous are the people reaping the benefits of the current healthcare environment.

By proposing government regulation of the medical industry, the Republicans have already conceded that the free market needs reform to protect taxpayers. It's uncharted territory for the party's platform, which is refreshing to see, but if regulations are going

to put into place, let's put the best rules in place.

Although it's not part of the current GOP bill, Republicans should, at the minimum, consider adding a provision from the House bill that would control the rate of increase of prescription drug prices. There is no sensible explanation of why drug prices have begun to hit the \$1 million mark for a single prescription treatment.

If Republicans are asking Democrats to take the high road on USMCA, as they should, the GOP should take a dose of humility themselves and do what's right for the American people.

More than 90 percent of current officeholders acknowledge that the system is broken, and drug prices might be the only area all Americans push aside their political colors to reach an agreement.

Right now, we have a lot of agreement but no action.

It's hard to form an opinion against the rallying cries of lobbyists, talking heads and political parties, but when it comes to healthcare, we need to go with the best deal for Americans, not political party heads.

The impeachment articles are a major retreat for Democrats

That's it?

After three years in which Democrats accused President Trump of a host of criminal acts — from bribery and extortion to campaign finance violations, obstruction of justice, conspiracy and even treason — they have finally introduced articles of impeachment that allege none of those things. Not only have they dropped the charge of bribery, the words that gripped Washington — "quid pro quo" — don't even appear in the document.

Marc A. Thiessen



This is a major retreat by Democrats, who have effectively admitted the president did not commit any statutory crimes. Indeed, if these articles are approved, this will be the first presidential impeachment in history in which no statutory crimes are even alleged. In that alone, Trump can claim vindication.

Instead, Democrats settled on two non-criminal allegations: obstruction of Congress and abuse of power. Both charges are farcical.

Take obstruction. Democrats claim Trump engaged in "unprecedented" defiance of congressional subpoenas and "sought to arrogate to himself" the right to withhold documents and witnesses "as well as the unilateral prerogative to deny any and all information to the House of Representatives." Please. If anyone is "arrogating" "unilateral" power to themselves, it is House Democrats.

Democrats seem not to understand that the legislative and the executive are equal branches of government. They do not get the last word when a president invokes executive privilege. When a dispute arises between the two branches, the president has a right to appeal to the third equal branch of government — the judiciary. Trump did that, as is his constitutional right. If he appealed to the courts and lost but still refused to cooperate, then Congress would have every right to charge him with obstruction of Congress.

But Democrats refused to wait for judicial review. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., actually said, "We cannot be at the mercy of the courts." Excuse me? And Democrats are accusing Trump of being "a threat to the Constitution"? Democrats are doing exactly what they accuse Trump of doing. As Professor Jonathan Turley told Democrats on the Judiciary Committee "We have three branches, not two. ... If you impeach a president, if you make a high crime and misdemeanor out of going to the courts, it is an abuse of power. It's your abuse of power."

Democrats are also completely wrong when they declare Trump's invocation of executive privilege "unprecedented." In 2011, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform subpoenaed then-Attorney General Eric Holder to provide documents and witnesses related to the botched gun-running operation "Fast and Furious." Holder refused to fully comply. When the committee threatened to hold him in contempt, President Barack Obama stepped in and invoked executive privilege. The administration argued that "compelled disclosure would be inconsistent with the separation of powers established in the Constitution."

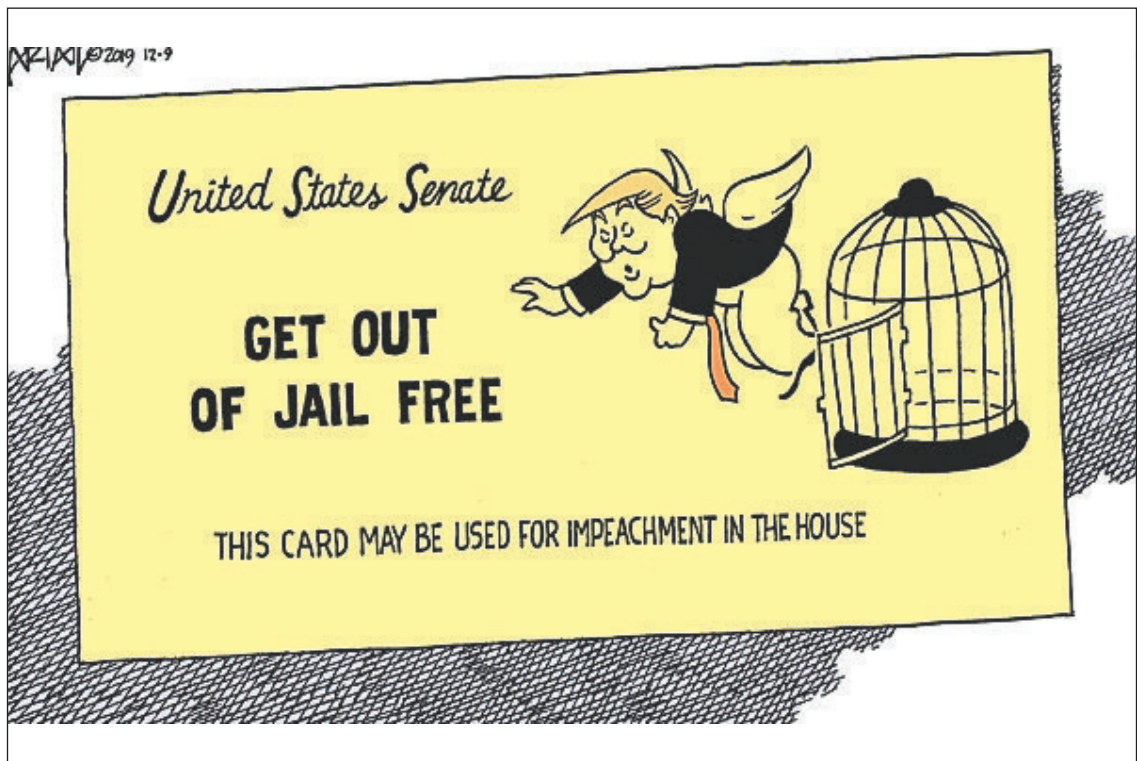
Guess what? The same Democrats now seeking to impeach Trump for obstruction of Congress backed Obama's obstruction of Congress. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., wrote, "The White House assertion is backed by decades of precedent that has recognized the need for the president and his senior advisers to receive candid advice and information from their top aides." Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said the effort to hold Holder in contempt for refusing to comply was "politically-motivated." Pelosi called it — wait for it — worse than a "witch hunt." By the plain language of the Democrats' articles of impeachment, Obama committed an impeachable offense. And yet today, Holder — the man at the center of Obama's obstruction scheme — has the chutzpah to write that Attorney General William Barr is "unfit to lead the Justice Department." What a disgrace.

As for abuse of power, this will be the first presidential impeachment in history in which no violations of the law are even alleged. The justification for impeaching Trump without a statutory crime is that impeachment is a political, not legal, proceeding. Fair enough. Democrats held weeks of hearings to convince the American people that Trump's alleged abuse of power rises to the level of impeachment and removal. Instead, their slipshod inquiry convinced Americans of the opposite.

In October, before the hearings began, the Quinnipiac poll showed that a 48 to 46 percent plurality of Americans supported impeachment and removal; today, after the hearings, voters are opposed by a margin of 51 to 45 percent. In key swing states, a Firehouse/Optimus poll found that impeachment and removal is now opposed by 51 percent of voters in Michigan, 52 percent in Pennsylvania and 58 percent in Wisconsin.

This is the definition of failure. Earlier this year, Pelosi said she was "not for impeachment" because "unless there's something so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan, I don't think we should go down that path." She was right then. Democrats should have listened.

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Full House has no choice but to impeach Trump

You gotta do what you gotta do. The House Judiciary Committee had no choice but to vote to impeach President Trump, and the full House has no choice but to follow suit.

Eugene Robinson



Either we believe in democracy and the rule of law or we don't, simple as that. The president's defenders are correct when they say that "abuse of power" and "obstruction of Congress" are not statutory crimes. They are, in fact, worse. The stripped-down impeachment articles against Trump go to the heart of his blatant misconduct, which poses a direct challenge to the Constitution. I know that sounds grandiose to describe the offenses of such a small man as Trump. But it is true.

One could make the case that many of our presidents have abused their power in one way or another. I believe the framers of the Constitution would be appalled, for example, that since World War II we have sent so many troops to fight and die in so many conflicts without a formal declaration of war by Congress. I believe they would be outraged that presidents can make so much law, unilaterally, by calling it regulation. But then again, maybe not. Perhaps Madison and Jefferson would approve of the way the presidency has evolved. We really have no way of knowing.

We do know, however, that the founders worried a president might corruptly misuse the powers of his office to keep himself in office. That is a principal reason the impeachment clause was written. And it is

precisely what Trump tried to do.

Not just in one phone call but over a period of months, Trump tried to coerce a foreign government into fabricating a scandal that would tarnish former Vice President Joe Biden, the potential rival who most threatened Trump's reelection. Trump conditioned official acts — release of nearly \$400 million in military aid, along with a desperately sought White House meeting — on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's compliance with his demands.

Incredibly, this was after the conclusion of a two-year investigation into whether Trump and his campaign had solicited the help of another foreign government, that of Russia, to win the 2016 election. The probe by former special counsel Robert Mueller proved that Trump welcomed and encouraged Russian aid, but not that he or his campaign participated in a conspiracy. Mueller did turn up reams of evidence, however, that Trump had obstructed justice in trying to shut the investigation down.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi adamantly refused to open an impeachment inquiry after the Mueller probe. "He's just not worth it," she said, meaning that holding Trump accountable for the crimes Mueller uncovered was not worth the trauma that impeachment would inevitably put the country through.

When Trump's Ukraine bribery scheme came to light, however, the opening of an impeachment process went instantly from impossible to inevitable. It was indeed bribery, by the way, both as I believe the founders understood the crime and as the current federal bribery statute defines it. But Pelosi and the House impeachment

managers decided to charge Trump instead with abuse of power, because that is a more grievous injury to the Constitution. Trump was elected to be a public servant, and he is acting like an autocrat.

Trump and his defenders have made a lot of noise but have not even produced quasi-plausible Trumpian "alternative facts" to dispute the real ones. Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said we should all just "get over it." Unfortunately for Trump, the Constitution does not allow that option.

The Constitution gives the House the "sole" power of impeachment. Yet Trump, unlike prior presidents who faced impeachment inquiries, has brazenly ordered the White House and the rest of the executive branch to refuse to provide documents and witnesses the House has demanded. Hence the charge of obstruction of Congress, which is another grave offense.

The separation-of-powers framework ensures that the three coequal branches of our government will be engaged in a permanent struggle, preventing any one from obtaining primacy. But it does not allow Trump to avoid impeachment and removal from office simply by refusing to give the House access to the information it needs in order to decide whether to impeach. Any future president who committed "high crimes and misdemeanors" would surely do the same.

The Senate may fail to take the charges seriously, but House members will have done their duty. It is a constitutional imperative that Trump go down in history as one of just three presidents to be impeached.

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PULSE

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‘White Christmas’ to be shown at the Honeywell Center

“White Christmas” will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

‘Ask a Teenager’ tech basics event planned

Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Sign-up is requested by calling 260-563-4475.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 17

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

WCPL plans Holiday Open House

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) has planned their Holiday Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. The all-ages event will feature snacks, crafts, games, photo opportunities, carolers and more. Register on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/281696909393826/>.

DivorceCare presents ‘Surviving the Holidays’ series

The DivorceCare support group, which meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13, will be offering a DVD series “Surviving the Holidays” through Tuesday, Dec. 17. Group leader and

members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org); or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

Census job opportunities to be discussed

The U.S. Census Bureau has planned a presentation at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Living Well Downtown, 35 E. Market St. to present upcoming census job opportunities. Register for this event by calling 260-563-4475.

Celebrate ‘The Wonders of Winter’ on Dec. 18

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “The Wonders of Winter” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://www.facebook.com/upperwabash).

Breakfast with Santa planned

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Santa will be coming to Breakfast with Santa and will have a special treat for children at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St.

Charley Creek Gardens to host 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll

Charley Creek Gardens will host its 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll, open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 23 at 551 N. Miami St. This event is free and open to the

public. Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 27

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services’ staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Salamonie Lake at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at [www.honeywellcenter.org](http://www.honeywellcenter.org) or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

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GRANT

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stated that “CELL identified WHS as an outstanding candidate for this grant due to our fully endorsed and EC status and highly successful outcomes, particularly in a rural community.”

CELL is the recipient of a \$7.9 million grant as part of the Education Innovation and Research (EIR) program administered by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. CELL will establish a Rural Early College Network (REC�) to help rural Indiana schools more quickly implement the EC high school model. EC targets underserved students and allows them to earn both high school diplomas and up to two years of credits toward bachelor or associate degrees through rigorous dual credit classes supported by wrap-around services.

Spread over five years, the grant funding through CELL’s leadership will support faster implementation of the EC model by networking new schools with mentor schools. Five endorsed EC schools will

follow a tiered process and eventually mentor 15 new schools.

That network will grow the number of high-need students to 3,725 who will benefit from an EC jumpstart on postsecondary and also gain confidence through counseling and supports to successfully continue into postsecondary and careers.

Callahan stated in the first year, they would be mentoring Logansport High School and in the following year, it would be Northridge High School.

“As servant leaders, we believe this is a great opportunity to promote educational attainment beyond the borders of Wabash County,” he stated.

Each mentor school will receive \$190,000 over five years, and each new school in the initial tier will receive \$150,000 over that period.

Schools will use the funding for credentialing staff to teach dual credit courses, professional development, student supports, program resources and travel to required meetings.

CELL will contribute a 10 percent match, or \$877,380, of the total cost of the project with the grant providing 90 percent of the total or \$7,963,436.

MUSEUM

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“The Wabash County Museum has taken significant strides to ensure their exhibits and programming are welcoming to guests of all ages,” stated the release.

During the program, Figert shared the recent screenings that have been possible through a partnership with PBS and thanks to the improvements to the Crystal Gayle Theater.

“The museum has also made significant improvements to many exhibits and plans to make major renovations to the Parkview Wabash Education Center and other exhibits in 2020,” stated the release. “Figert alluded to an announcement

in the near future about their programming and exhibits geared towards young children.”

The museum also released statistics for 2019 which included an increase in annual attendance now totaling just over 20,000 guests.

Educational visits from seven counties throughout northeast Indiana, 14 on-site classroom visits and a significant increase in attendance during monthly Family Fun Nights.

“The Wabash County Historical Museum would like to thank the community for their continuous support,” stated the release.

For more information about the Wabash County Historical Museum call 260-563-9070 or visit [www.wabashmuseum.org](http://www.wabashmuseum.org).

ASK THE IMPLANT DENTIST



Can I Really Get New Teeth in One Day?

By Dr. Robert Schroering

You have probably seen some television commercials, heard some radio spots, or even seen one of my billboards around town declaring “new teeth in one day.”

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Area Calendar

Boys basketball - Manchester at Huntington North, 7:30 p.m.; Northfield at Peru, 7:30 p.m., Southwood vs. Eastern, 7:45 p.m.  
Girls basketball - Manchester vs. Carroll, 7:45 p.m.; Wabash vs. Rochester, 7:45 p.m.  
Swimming - Manchester at Twin Lakes Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Wrestling - Manchester at Caston Invitational, 9:30 p.m.

Squire wrestling earns TRC win

The Manchester wrestling team knocked off Tippecanoe Valley 37-36 in a narrow win on Thursday. Pinfall wins came from Brock Casper at 113 pounds, Elijah Burlingame at 132 pounds, Dylan Stroud at 138 pounds and Ashton Moore at 195 pounds. Zach France at 145 pounds, Trevor Dill at 220 pounds and Bryce Kamphues at 285 pounds all won by decision.

Apaches earn first win of season

The Wabash boys' swimming team earned its first win of the season on Thursday, downing Eastern 102-76 on the road. Seth Blossom, Michael Cordes, Kyle Thomas and Jonah France took first in the medley relay to start the night. Cordes won the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, Blossom won the 200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle, France won the 50-yard freestyle and Thomas won the 100-yard butterfly.  
Becca Bruss took first in the 100-yard backstroke for the girls' team, the lone on the night.

Former NBA Commissioner Stern has brain surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Former NBA Commissioner David Stern suffered a sudden brain hemorrhage Thursday and had emergency surgery.  
The league made the announcement about Stern's condition in a statement, saying its thoughts and prayers were with the 77-year-old Stern's family.  
Stern served exactly 30 years as the NBA's longest-tenured commissioner before Adam Silver replaced him on Feb. 1, 2014. Stern has remained affiliated with the league with the title of commissioner emeritus and has remained active in his other interests, such as sports technology.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



TACKLE: Northfield's Levi Fulkerson (7) is wrapped up by Southwood's Dillion Filip (58) during the sectional game between the two sides.

IFCA All-State football teams announced

**TAFF REPORTS**  
The Indiana Football Coaches Association (IFCA) All-State teams were released for the fall season and featured a healthy dose of representatives from Wabash County.  
Northfield linebacker Seth Forsyth earned a spot on the Class A All-State Senior Team. In the fall, Forsyth led the Norse in tackles with 118 on the year while also racking up a trio of interceptions. Forsyth also recovered a fumble and blocked a punt on the year.  
Southwood defensive lineman Dillion Filip also earned

a spot on the team as well. Filip finished with 52 tackles on the year but recorded 11 tackles for loss and led the team with a pair of sacks. He also recovered a fumble and blocked a punt as well this season.  
On the Class A All-State Junior Team, Southwood's Elijah Sutton made the team as a defensive back. Sutton had 88 tackles on the year, second-most on the Knights, along with a pair of interceptions and a pair of fumbles forced.  
Northfield's Micah Higgins earned a spot on the offensive line on the Junior All-

State team also. Higgins was part of a line that helped the Norse rush for 2,391 yards in 12 games, an average of just under 200 yards per game. The team also averaged 5.0 yards per carry on the year.  
The Indianapolis Colts Academic All-Star Team for 2019 also saw Northfield quarterback Levi Fulkerson earn a spot. The senior signal caller rushed for 728 yards and passed for 1,089 yards, accounting for 1,817 yards on the year or over half the yards for Northfield this season. Fulkerson finished with 22 touchdowns on the year.  
This season, Northfield

advanced to the sectional championship game where they fell to Adams Central, 38-28. Their berth in the final, though, came as a result of a seven-game winning streak that culminated with an upset of No. 3 Southwood in the sectional semi-final, 14-6.  
The Knights had their own successful run this year, winning 10 consecutive contests and the program's third consecutive Three Rivers Conference title. Southwood also finished its second-straight regular season unbeaten but was once again upended in the sectional.

NFL

Injury-plagued Saints brace for visit from desperate Colts

**BY BRETT MARTEL**  
AP Sports Writer  
NEW ORLEANS — Saints coach Sean Payton is trying not to let New Orleans' latest bout with key injuries undermine his club's Super Bowl aspirations.  
A pair of starting defensive linemen who are both former first-round draft choices — end Marcus Davenport and tackle Sheldon Rankins — left last week's loss to San Francisco with what turned out to be season-ending injuries.  
But as the Saints (10-3) prepare to meet Indianapolis (6-7) on Monday night, they do so having already demonstrated how resilient they can be without prominent players in the lineup.  
The Saints went 5-0 while record-setting quarterback Drew Brees was out with a thumb injury early this season. Star running back Alvin Kamara, top receiving tight end Jared Cook, left tackle Terron Armstead, left guard Andrus Peat, top cornerback Marshon Lattimore and return specialist Deonte Harris have missed games with injuries this season as well. Rankins also sat out the season's first three games while finishing up his recovery from an Achilles tendon tear in last season's playoff opener.  
Yet by Thanksgiving, the Saints were NFC South Division title holders for a third season running and are

still in contention to capture one of the top two playoff seeds in the conference.  
"It's been a little bit more than we're used to," Payton said of the injuries to top contributors. "You start with Drew, but it is what it is. You learn as you get older that there are certain things you can control. Those are the things you spend more time focusing on than the things you can't."  
The Saints are somewhat fortunate that they entered this season emphasizing depth on the defensive line. They still have experienced, productive players across their defensive front — just fewer of them. And they will be tested against Indy's sixth-ranked running game, featuring Marlon Mack.  
"One of the things this year that we felt was beneficial was our depth at the defensive line position, carrying eight each game and getting into a rotation," Payton said. "So that when you lose two starters, the depth helps you."  
The Colts could use a break, having lost five of six. They're now one loss from playoff elimination as they meet a Saints squad that odds makers have favored by more than a touchdown.  
Indianapolis coach Frank Reich doesn't expect New Orleans' normally stout defensive front to crumble.  
"They're rotating guys who substitute that are good

players. I'm sure they feel like us and most teams do, these backups are going to step in and do a good job," Reich said. "We certainly know we are going up against a good front."  
**QUIET KAMARA**  
Dynamic Saints running back Alvin Kamara is coming off a relatively quite game by his prolific standards, with just 25 yards rushing and 18 receiving against San Francisco. That marked his second straight game with fewer than 100 yards from scrimmage, and third in the last five.  
But Brees doesn't sound worried about Kamara, who needs just 38 yards receiving to become third player in NFL history with at least 500 yards receiving and 500 yards rushing in each of first three seasons.  
"There's just only so many balls to go around," Brees said. "Alvin is one of our playmakers. We want to get on the ball. We want to give him opportunities."  
**FOURTH-QUARTER WOES**  
The Colts have blown second-half leads each of the past three weeks, putting their playoff hopes in peril.  
Indy has slid from the top of the AFC South to third place, and the reason is simple. Houston, Tennessee and Tampa Bay have outscored the Colts 31-0 in the fourth quarter.

"Very frustrating," tight end Jack Doyle said, but added that he believes the Colts "have the right group of guys" to bounce back.  
**JUMPING IN**  
Rookie Parris Campbell became the fifth Colts receiver to land on injured reserve this season when he broke his foot last week.  
Indy filled his spot by bringing back a familiar name, Dontrelle Inman.  
The Virginia alum was one of the Colts' midseason acquisitions last season, finishing with 28 receptions 304 yards and three TD catches in nine games. But the Colts and Inman couldn't agree to terms during the offseason. He wound up playing four games for the Los Angeles Chargers before returning to Indy.  
He'll try to take pressure off of four-time Pro Bowler T.Y. Hilton, who has missed five of the last six games with an injured calf and was limited in practice this week.  
**ROSTER MOVES**  
The Saints moved quickly to add a pair of free-agent veterans — tackle T.Y. McGill and end Noah Spence — but it remains to be seen how they perform in New Orleans' scheme.  
"There's a vision with each one relative to what they do well and how we would use

GOLF

Americans rally late, trail by only 3 in Presidents Cup

**BY DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer  
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Justin Thomas delivered the biggest moment for an American team desperate for one Friday in the Presidents Cup.  
He holed an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole, dropped his putter and looked over at his partner — U.S. captain Tiger Woods — and then borrowed a line from former NFL receiver Terrell Owens.  
"I love me some ME!" Thomas screamed at Woods, who also dropped his putter and moved in for a hard hug.  
All the Americans gained was momentum.  
The International players are going so well at this Presidents Cup that they took its largest lead after any session in 16 years, and felt like that was the worst they could do.  
Building on a 4-1 lead after the opening session at Royal Melbourne, they quickly won two more matches in foursomes.  
Louis Oosthuizen and Adam Scott rallied from 2 down by winning five of the next seven holes and closed out Dustin Johnson and Matt Kuchar in the opening foursomes match Friday.  
Patrick Reed heard it from the crowd again, including shouts of "Patrick Cheat" for his rules violation last week in the Bahamas. Far tougher on Reed and Webb Simpson was the International team of Marc Leishman and Abraham Ancer, who seized control on the back nine to win, 3 and 2.  
At one point, the board was filled with black-and-gold, the new colors of this inspired International team led by Ernie Els.  
It had to settled for a 6 1/2-3 1/2 lead.  
Patrick Cantlay and Thomas each birdied the 18th hole to win matches. Gary Woodland and Rickie Fowler rallied from 2 down with three holes to play to earn a halve.  
"It's perspective, isn't it?" Els said. "I've got to look at where we are. It's easy to just look at where we could have been, because it was looking really unbelievable. We tie this afternoon."  
Els then considered the Americans have a 50 1/2 — 22 1/2 advantage in foursomes in winning the last seven times, and maybe it wasn't all that bad.  
"We're in a very good position," Els said.  
The International team had its largest lead through two sessions since it won at Royal Melbourne in 1998, the only time it has won the Presidents Cup. It also had a three-point lead going into Sunday singles in South Africa in 2003, the year of the tie.  
Even so, the Americans felt momentum shifting.  
"We dug ourselves out of what could have been a big hole," Thomas said.  
The match tied going to the 18th, Thomas drove into light rough on the right, and Woods followed with a great shot that landed near the hole and rolled out 18 feet. Hideki Matsuyama missed his 25-foot speedy birdie chance, and Thomas had the last putt for the win.







NFL

# Plenty of QBs with a pedigree should be available in 2020

BY ROB MAADDI  
AP Pro Football Writer

Several quarterbacks with impressive resumes could be looking for new teams in 2020 after disappointing performances this season.

The list of QBs who could be available includes guys with MVP trophies on their mantels, former No. 1 draft picks and longtime starters.

Eli Manning is the most accomplished of the group. The two-time Super Bowl MVP already has some Hall of Fame credentials. Philip Rivers also has built a case to have his bust enshrined in Canton.

Cam Newton was the 2015 NFL MVP. Nick Foles and Joe Flacco were Super Bowl MVPs.

Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota were selected Nos. 1-2 in the 2015 draft.

Andy Dalton is a three-time Pro Bowl pick with 130 career starts.

Ryan Fitzpatrick has started 136 games in his 15-year career. Case Keenum led Minnesota to the NFC championship game two years ago.

Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Dak Prescott and Ryan Tannehill are potential free agents, but it's unlikely they're going anywhere. Teddy Bridgewater went 5-0 filling in for Brees this season, so he vastly improved his value on the open market.

Here's a look at each player:

**MANNING:** The Giants benched their franchise icon in Week 3 to start first-round pick Daniel Jones, who has been inconsistent — hey, he is a rookie after all. Manning returned to the starting lineup last week because Jones has an ankle injury. He played well in the first half, throwing two touchdown

passes in a 23-17 overtime loss at Philadelphia. Manning turns 39 next month and is in the final year of his contract. He may have to settle for a backup role to prolong his career.

**RIVERS:** Like Manning, he'll be a free agent after the season after spending his entire career with one team, the Chargers. Indeed, they basically were traded for each other at the 2004 draft.

Unlike Manning, Rivers hasn't lost his starting job and Los Angeles hasn't drafted his successor. Rivers, who turned 38 last week, has 20 TD passes and 15 interceptions. His passer rating is down to 90.7 while his picks have gone up. He could end up staying to groom his replacement and play in the team's new stadium for a season.

**NEWTON:** He's owed \$18.6 million in 2020 but hasn't played since Week 2 because of a foot injury that required surgery this week. Newton has been Carolina's starter since 2011 and is 68-55-1 in his career. His future with the Panthers depends on his health and the preference of the new owner and the new coach the team has to hire to replace Ron Rivera. Kyle Allen hasn't taken advantage of his opportunity to fill in for Newton. He's lost five straight games after starting off 5-1. Allen has 16 TDs, 12 picks and a 82.9 passer rating.

**FOLES:** The Jaguars gave Foles a four-year, \$88 million contract in free agency that included \$50.125 million guaranteed. But the 2018 Super Bowl MVP with the Eagles broke his collarbone in Week 1. He struggled in three games after returning and was benched for rookie Gardner Minshew last week.

Jacksonville has a dilemma in the offseason. Foles is guaranteed \$15.125 in 2020, and he will count nearly \$22 million against the salary cap. That's too much money for a backup. Cutting Foles would cost the Jaguars nearly \$34 million against the cap and trading him would cost nearly \$19 million.

**FLACCO:** The 2013 Super Bowl MVP with Baltimore was only 2-6 in his first season in Denver before a herniated disk ended his season. Second-round draftee Drew Lock is making his case to be the man for the Broncos. Flacco turns 35 next month and should end up on the open market. Cutting Flacco will free up \$10.05 million in cap space.

**WINSTON:** Tampa Bay has a tough decision to make on Winston, who becomes a free agent after the season. Winston has thrown for over 4,000 yards this season for the third time in five years, but he also has a career-high 23 interceptions. He's only had one winning season and the Buccaneers need to win the final three games to match that 9-7 record from 2016. Winston is playing in his first season under coach Bruce Arians, who says he wants to finish out the year before deciding the future of the quarterback in Tampa.

**MARIOTA:** Tennessee was 2-4 in Mariota's six starts before turning to Tannehill, who is 6-2 and leads the NFL in passer rating at 118.5. Mariota is in the final year of his rookie contract and should get an opportunity to revive his career with a new team.

**DALTON:** After leading Cincinnati to five straight winning seasons to start his career, Dalton and the Bengals secured their fourth consecutive losing season

weeks ago. Dalton was benched in November for Ryan Finley but regained his starting job and led Cincinnati to its only win. Dalton has one year remaining on his contract, but the Bengals would save \$17.7 million in cap space by releasing him.

**FITZPATRICK:** He'll create FitzMagic somewhere next season, if only for a brief appearance. That's how his career has worked for 15 seasons.

**KEENUM:** He'll be a solid backup in Washington or elsewhere.

**BRADY:** Much has been said about a possible divorce from New England because Brady put up his house for sale, his contract voids on March 17, and the Patriots can't place a franchise tag on him. If the 42-year-old six-time Super Bowl champion leaves, it'll cost the team \$13.5 million in dead money. Don't believe Brady is going anywhere until Bill Belichick drones: "We're on to a new QB."

**BREES:** His deal voids on March 18 and the Saints can't place a franchise tag on him. Brees turns 41 next month and it's tough to imagine he'll play for a different team.

**PRESCOTT:** Dak will get a ton of money from Dallas. How much is the question.

**TANNEHILL:** Hes earned himself starter's money in Tennessee next season. With Mariota gone, the Titans have plenty of room to pay Tannehill.

**BRIDGEWATER:** He's an interesting case because he has a ton of value to the Saints playing behind Brees. Bridgewater is 22-12 as a starter. He should get an opportunity to be the No. 1 guy somewhere. If Brees retires, it could be in New Orleans.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Army-Navy rivalry features

# Trump attending 120th game

BY DAN GELSTON  
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PHILADELPHIA — Army's sensational turnaround under coach Jeff Monken has been highlighted by 10-win seasons, bowl game victories and even a spot in the national rankings.

But a win Saturday against Navy would mean a bit more — the Black Knights' senior class would go out with a sweep of the series. Four wins in four years, a wildly successful run for a program that had lost 14 straight games to the Midshipmen.

"I think it would be a tremendous source of pride for our senior class to be able to do that," Monken said. "This senior class has meant a lot for the program and the contributions they've made. I know it would mean a lot to this class to complete their career with a win over Navy and the ability to go 4-0."

The Army-Navy series has long held its spot as the sport's most patriotic rivalry, with pride, prestige and the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy at stake for each service academy in the 120th edition of the matchup. Lincoln Financial Field will be stuffed with Cadets and Midshipmen standing, saluting, bouncing and cheering for the entirety of what's billed as "America's Game" among the nearly 70,000 fans.

President Donald Trump will attend the Army-Navy game for a second straight year. Trump also was at the 2016 game as president-elect. He is the 10th sitting president to attend, a tradition that began with Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. Presidents, by custom, sit on the Army side of the stadium for one half and the Navy side for the other.

"Whether he's there or not, it's going to be a great experience for everybody," Army QB Kelvin Hopkins Jr. said. "Army-Navy is a special event. To have the president there, no matter what the status is or whatever is going on, it's a treat for everybody. It's going to be a show no matter what."

If history holds, Trump likely will see a close call: The last four games have been decided by a total of 16 points and only once since 2010 has a team won by more than a touchdown. Hopkins had two rushing touchdowns and the Black Knights recovered two fumbles in the fourth quarter to beat Navy 17-10 last year and retain the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

Navy leads 60-52-7. "It is amazing that these games continue to be incredible battles regardless of what the situations are with either team," Monken said.

For most of this century, the rivalry was lopsided in Navy's favor. Monken has orchestrated a rebuild of the program that has the Black Knights in position to win four straight games in the series for the first

time since 1993 to 1996. If Army defeats Navy, then Navy, Air Force and Army will share in the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy because the three teams would all be 1-1 against each other (Navy beat Air Force and Air Force beat Army) and the trophy would remain at West Point, New York.

The odds are against the sweep: No. 21 Navy (9-2, No. 23, CFP) is a whopping 10½-point favorite to beat Army (5-7). Navy's losses came to two teams ranked inside the AP top 15, Memphis and Notre Dame. Navy will play Kansas State on Dec. 31 in the Liberty Bowl.

## RUN, ARMY, RUN

Army averages 311.7 rushing yards per game (second nationally) in 2019 and has 3,740 yards rushing total (also second). Hopkins leads with seven rushing touchdowns and 706 yards. He'll need a big game to get the upset win and complete the sweep.

"A lot of guys want to come up to the seniors and talk about how we're trying to do it for you guys, we want to get this last one for y'all," Hopkins said. "Really for me the message is, do it for yourselves. It's a big deal to continue your own streak."

## BIG WINS

Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo could become the winningest coach in the history of the Army-Navy series. Niumatalolo's eight wins match Army's Earl Blaik total (8-8-2) from 1941-1958. With 96 career wins, Niumatalolo already is the winningest coach in program history. He was named American Athletic Conference coach of the year.

"Going to a bowl game is always one of our top goals, but right now our only focus is to get goal number one and that is to beat Army and win back the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy," Niumatalolo said.

## HEY, WHERE'S PERRY?

Navy QB Malcolm Perry has rushed for 1,500 yards and 19 touchdowns, making him only the second player (after Keenan Reynolds) in school history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season three times. Perry is 87 yards behind Napoleon McCallum for first on Navy's career single-season rushing list and 68 yards behind Will Worth for the single-season total offense record.

He also completed 43 of his 79 pass attempts for 1,207 yards and six touchdowns. Perry is fifth in the country in rushing yards per game (136.4) and tied for fifth in rushing touchdowns. The 5-foot-9, 190-pound Perry could set a school record Saturday with his 10th straight 100-yard rushing game. He can't believe he's being discussed among the short list of Navy's greatest players.

## COLTS

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them. They are in good football shape and I'm anxious to see how they do."

McGill was a teammate of Colts QB Jacoby Brissett at North Carolina State. He wasn't allowed to touch Brissett in practice, but now might get his first chance to sack him.

## ARE YOU READY?

Indy is making its first Monday appearance since October 2016.

That might be a bigger deal for some than Colts 2018 All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard, who enjoyed watching pro wrestling as a kid.

"I'm not going to lie, I watched Monday Night Raw," the reigning defensive rookie of the year said. "But it's really special when you know the whole world is watching."

NFL

# Rodgers wants more consistency from offense down the stretch

BY KEITH JENKINS  
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GREEN BAY, Wis. — Heading into the season opener between the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears, nobody knew what to expect from first-year coach Matt LaFleur, Aaron Rodgers and the Packers' offense.

Fourteen weeks later, it's still a mystery.

Green Bay is on top of the NFC North heading into Sunday's home game against Chicago despite an inconsistent performance by Rodgers and company. There have been flashes of high-level offensive play, and some lackluster performances as well.

Rodgers has a passer rating of over 100.0 in four different games this season, but also four with under 90.0. Running back Aaron Jones has four games with at least 150 yards from scrimmage and five with fewer than 50. Wide receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling emerged early on as the top contender for the No. 2 spot behind Davante Adams. But

the 6-foot-4 speedster has two catches for 11 yards over the last six weeks. The Packers have scored 30 or more points in four games but also scored 20 or fewer in four other outings.

"The only difference between where we're at now at 10-3 and being a dangerous force that can make a run deep into the playoffs and to the Super Bowl is that consistency," Rodgers said Wednesday. "If anything that will be the deciding factor on our fate here these next seven or eight weeks. Can we find that consistency in both the run and the pass game?"

Green Bay (10-3) closes the season with three games against divisional opponents. First up is the 200th meeting with Chicago (7-6). The last time the Packers faced divisional foes in the last three weeks was 2016. They went 3-0.

"We have the guys, for sure, and the guys in specific roles," Rodgers said. "But it's the 11 being consistent that's going to take us from where we are now

to where we all want to go."

## HURTING, HEALING

The Bears' defense took another big hit in last week's win over Dallas when linebacker Roquan Smith tore a pectoral muscle. The No. 8 pick in the 2018 draft will miss the remainder of the season.

Without Smith and veteran Danny Trevathan, who has been out since Nov. 10 with an elbow injury, Chicago figures to go with Nick Kwiatkoski and Kevin Pierre-Louis at inside linebacker.

"Well, 44 (Kwiatkoski), I've always thought he's been a really solid player," Rodgers said. "I don't want to butcher his last name. But he rocked me a couple years ago and I know where 44's at most times when he's in the game. I have a lot of respect for him, the way he's played and his approach to the game. He's been backing up both Danny and Roquan this season and he does a hell of a job. He's a great player. So, we'll see."

hopefully go out and flip this a little bit."

The International team was buying the momentum. It paid more attention to the leaderboard.

What are we, 6 1/2-3 1/2 up? It's very early," Leishman said. "They made a couple good putts on 18, definitely give them that, but I don't think you get momentum with two putts. We played pretty well the first two sessions. Yes, today probably didn't finish off the way we wanted to but we still halved the session."

They made a couple putts at an important time, but if they feel that, that's great."

Reed, meanwhile, is never bashful about egging on the crowd when playing away from home. He made

a birdie on the 11th hole, and as he heard it from the crowd, Reed cupped his hand to his ear, then pretended to use his putter as shovel.

Walking up the 16th fairway, two spectators yelled at him to look at their shirts that read, "We love a Tiger, but not a Cheetah."

Reed declined interview requests after the round.

He gets another dose of it Saturday, as Woods sent out Reed and Simpson for the third straight session.

Woods will be nothing but a captain Saturday morning. He took himself out of the lineup, sending Thomas in the first match out with Fowler for fourballs. Eight points are available Saturday, followed by 12 singles on Sunday.

## GOLF

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"We were both screaming," Woods said. "It was a phenomenal moment, and it was priceless. So I'm glad we were able to experience it together."

Equally important was Cantlay, who second shot into the par-5 15th set up birdie to square the match. Xander Schauffele gave him a chance at the winner with an approach into 15 feet on the final hole, and Cantlay knocked it in.

That was the first point.

The biggest moment belonged to Thomas because it was one more point that got the U.S. team a little bit closer.

"I've been fortunate to

make a lot of putts," Thomas said. "But to do it with my captain and teammate was awesome."

Woods tied Phil Mickelson for the record by winning his 26th match in nine Presidents Cup appearances. Mickelson played in 12.

Woodland and Fowler capped off the late comeback. They were 2 down with three holes to go when they birdied the 16th and 17th holes to square the match against Sungjae Im and Cameron Smith. It ended with the first draw of these matches.

"Momentum is huge," Woodland said. "That was a huge half-point. Any time you can scrape out something ... we did it. Now we have to regroup. We have 36 ahead of us tomorrow and



Johnson claims  
Brexit mandate  
with new  
conservative  
majority

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LONDON — Boris Johnson’s gamble on early elections paid off as voters gave the UK prime minister a commanding majority to take the country out of the European Union by the end of January, a decisive result after more than three years of stalemate over Brexit.

Johnson’s promise to “get Brexit done” and widespread unease with opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn’s leadership style and socialist policies combined to give the ruling Conservative Party 365 seats in the House of Commons, its best performance since party icon Margaret Thatcher’s last victory in 1987. Corbyn’s Labour slumped to 203 seats, 59 fewer than it won two years ago, vote totals showed Friday.

The results offer Johnson a new mandate to push his EU withdrawal agreement through Parliament. Since taking office in July, he had led a minority government and, after the House of Commons stalled his Brexit deal at the end of October, he called the election two years ahead of schedule in hopes of winning a clear majority.

“I will put an end to all that nonsense, and we will get Brexit done on time by the January 31 — no ifs, no buts, no maybes,” he said as supporters cheered. “Leaving the European Union as one United Kingdom, taking back control of our laws, borders, money, our trade, immigration system, delivering on the democratic mandate of the people.”

Johnson also offered an olive branch to Britons who want to remain in the EU, saying he will respect their “warm feelings” and build a “new partnership” with the bloc as “friends and sovereign equals.”

Speaking Friday outside 10 Downing Street, he pledged to end acrimony over Brexit and urged the country to “let the healing begin.” He said he would work to repay voters’ trust.

The scale of Johnson’s success also marked a stinging defeat for Corbyn, who had promised to lead Labour to victory with the “biggest people-powered campaign our country has ever seen.”

Instead, voters rejected his attempt to bridge divisions over Brexit by promising a second referendum on any deal with the EU. The vote also turned away the rest of the party’s agenda, which included promises to raise taxes on the rich, increase social spending and nationalize industries such as water delivery, railroads and the Royal Mail.

Corbyn, who spent his entire career as a backbench gadfly until unexpectedly winning a party leadership election in 2015, was criticized for silencing critics within the party and failing to root out anti-Semitism among his supporters. Centrist Labour politicians were quick to call for Corbyn to step down, though he has said he will stay on during a period of “reflection” and that an internal election to choose a new leader would take place early next year.

“Obviously, it is a very disappointing night for the party,” he said after retaining his own seat in Parliament. “But I want to say this, in the election campaign we put forward a manifesto of hope. However, Brexit has so polarized debate it has overridden so much of normal political debate.”

Phil Wilson, the former Labour lawmaker from Sedgefield who lost his seat to the Conservatives, said blaming the party’s wipeout on Brexit was “mendacious nonsense.”

Corbyn’s leadership “was a bigger problem,” he tweeted. “To say otherwise is delusional. The party’s leadership went down like a lead balloon on the doorstep. Labour’s leadership needs to take responsibility.”

Opioid abuse is 'destabilizing'  
world's poorest nations

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KAPURTHALA, India — Reports rolled in with escalating urgency — pills seized by the truckload, pills swallowed by schoolchildren, pills in the pockets of dead terrorists.

These pills, the world has been told, are safer than the OxyContin, the Vicodins, the fentanyl that have wreaked so much devastation. But now they are the root of what the United Nations named “the other opioid crisis” — an epidemic featured in fewer headlines than the American one, as it rages through the planet’s most vulnerable countries.

Mass abuse of the opioid tramadol spans continents, from India to Africa to the Middle East, creating international havoc some experts blame on a loophole in narcotics regulation and a miscalculation of the drug’s danger. The man-made opioid was touted as a way to relieve pain with little risk of abuse. Unlike other opioids, tramadol flowed freely around the world, unburdened by international controls that track most dangerous drugs.

But abuse is now so rampant that some countries are asking international authorities to intervene.

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Grunenthal, the German company that originally made the drug, is campaigning for the status quo, arguing that it’s largely illicit counterfeit pills causing problems. International regulations make narcotics difficult to get in countries with disorganized health systems, the company says, and adding tramadol to the list would deprive suffering patients access to any opioid at all.

“This is a huge public health dilemma,” said Dr. Gilles Forte, the secretary of the World Health Organization’s committee that recommends how drugs should be regulated. Tramadol is available in war

zones and impoverished nations because it is unregulated. But it is widely abused for the same exact reason. “It’s a really very complicated balance to strike.”

Tramadol has not been as deadly as other opioids, and the crisis isn’t killing with the ferocity of America’s struggle with the drugs. Still, individual governments from the U.S. to Egypt to Ukraine have realized the drug’s dangers are greater than was believed and have worked to rein in the tramadol trade. The north Indian state of Punjab, the center of India’s opioid epidemic, was the latest to crack down. The pills were everywhere, as legitimate medication sold in pharmacies, but also illicit counterfeits hawked by street vendors.

This year, authorities seized hundreds of thousands of tablets, banned most pharmacy sales and shut down pill factories, pushing the price from 35 cents for a 10-pack to \$14. The government opened a network of treatment centers, fearing those who had become opioid addicted would resort to heroin out of desperation. Hordes of people rushed in, seeking help in managing excruciating withdrawal.

For some, tramadol had become as essential as food.

“Like if you don’t eat, you start to feel hungry. Similar is the case with not taking it,” said auto shop welder Deepak Arora, a gaunt 30-year-old who took 15 tablets day, so much he had to steal from his family to pay for pills. “You are like a dead person.”

Jeffery Bawa, an officer with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, realized what was happening in 2016, when he traveled to Mali in western Africa, one of the world’s poorest countries, gripped by civil war and terrorism.

They asked people for their most pressing concerns. Most did not say hunger or violence. They said tramadol.

One woman said children stumble down the streets,

high on the opioid; parents add it to tea to dull the ache of hunger. Nigerian officials said at a United Nations meeting on tramadol trafficking that the number of people there living with addiction is now far higher than the number with AIDS or HIV.

Tramadol is so pervasive in Cameroon scientists a few years ago believed they’d discovered a natural version in tree roots. But it was not natural at all: Farmers bought pills and fed them to their cattle to ward off the effects of debilitating heat. Their waste contaminated the soil, and the chemical seeped into the trees.

Police began finding pills on terrorists, who traffic it to fund their networks and take it to bolster their capacity for violence, Bawa said.

Most of it was coming from India. The country’s sprawling pharmaceutical industry is fueled by cheap generics. Pill factories produce knock-offs and ship them in bulk around the world, in doses far exceeding medical limits.

In 2017, law enforcement reported that \$75 million worth of tramadol from India was confiscated en route to the Islamic State terror group. Authorities intercepted 600,000 tablets headed for Boko Haram. Another 3 million were found in a pickup truck in Niger, in boxes disguised with U.N. logos. The agency warned that tramadol was playing “a direct role in the destabilization of the region.”

“We cannot let the situation get any further out of control,” that alert read.

Grunenthal maintains that tramadol has a low risk of abuse; most of the pills causing trouble are knock-offs, not legitimate pharmaceuticals, and American surveys have shown lower levels of abuse than other prescription painkillers. The company submitted a report to the WHO in 2014, saying that the abuse evident in “a limited number of countries,” should be viewed “in the context of the political and social in-

stabilities in the region.”

But some wealthy countries worried about increasing abuse also have acted to contain the drug.

The United Kingdom and United States both regulated it in 2014. Tramadol was uncontrolled in Denmark until 2017, when journalists asked doctors to review studies submitted to regulators to support the claim that it has a low risk for addiction, said Dr. Karsten Juhl Jorgensen, acting director of the Nordic Cochrane Centre and one of the physicians who analyzed the materials. They all agreed that the documents did not prove it’s safer.

“We know that opioids are some of the most addictive drugs on the face of the planet, so the claim that you’ve developed one that’s not addictive, that’s an extraordinary claim, and extraordinary claims require evidence. And it just wasn’t there,” said Jorgensen. “We’ve all been cheated, and people are angry about that.”

Jorgensen compares claims that tramadol is low risk to those made by American companies now facing thousands of lawsuits alleging misleading campaigns touting the safety of opioids unleashed the U.S. addiction epidemic.

Stefano Berterame, a chief at the International Narcotics Control Board, said there is a critical difference: The crisis is not as deadly as the American one, which began with prescription opioids and transitioned to heroin and fentanyl. Tramadol does not as routinely cause the respiratory depression that leads to overdose death.

But it is mostly afflicting poor nations, where overdose statistics are erratic, he said, so the true toll of tramadol is unknown.

The United Nations established the International Narcotics Control Board in 1961 to spare the world the “serious evil” of addiction. It has since tracked most opioids.

Tramadol’s exemption means authorization isn’t required as the drug moves

across borders. Its easy availability also leads to confusion about what tramadol even is, experts say. In many countries, it is thought to be a mood enhancer or treatment for depression and post-traumatic stress. Some take it to improve sexual stamina or endure grueling labor.

Grunenthal synthesized tramadol in the 1960s, as the company was embroiled in scandal over its marketing of the sedative thalidomide, which caused extreme birth defects in thousands of babies whose mothers took it. Tramadol was initially believed to have a low risk of abuse because initial trials studied injected tramadol, the most potent route for most opioids.

But researchers later found that tramadol releases a far more powerful dose taken orally because of how it is metabolized by the liver.

Tramadol’s worldwide market quickly expanded in the 1990s. In 2000, the WHO, which assesses medications and recommends scheduling, noted reports of dependence. A committee has reviewed the drug numerous times since, recommended it remain under surveillance but declined to add international regulation.

There is no alternative to tramadol, said Forte, the committee’s secretary. It is the only opioid available in some of the world’s most desperate places; relief organizations rely on it in war zones and natural disasters.

It is used extensively not because it is a particularly good medication, he said. The most effective opioid is morphine, but morphine is strictly controlled and countries in crisis fear abuse.

Tramadol became the default precisely because it’s uncontrolled.

The WHO is analyzing whether any other drug could take its place but have so far found none. Meanwhile, Forte said, the agency is working with battered nations to ferret out counterfeits.

New Zealand recovers 6 bodies from toxic volcanic island

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WHAKATANE, New Zealand — As grieving families sang traditional Maori songs, New Zealand military specialists wearing protective gear landed on a small volcanic island on Friday and recovered six bodies of the 16 people who died in an eruption four days earlier.

The specialists — six men and two women wearing hooded protective suits and using breathing gear — landed by helicopter on White Island and found six of the eight bodies thought to be there.

“We know that reunification won’t ease that sense of loss or grief because I don’t think anything can. But we felt an enormous duty of care as New Zealanders to make sure that we brought their family members back,” Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said at a news conference.

The families cheered and expressed joy and re-

lief upon being told of the successful recovery, Police Deputy Commissioner Wally Haumaha said. “They’ve got their loved ones coming home,” Haumaha said.

The bodies were airlifted to a nearby ship where the risky operation was monitored. Toxic volcanic gases are still venting from the crater, and scientists say another eruption like the fatal one Monday is possible.

The bodies were to be taken to Auckland for identification. They are thought to be Australians, who were most of the visitors to the island on Monday when the volcano erupted.

Another recovery operation was planned for the last two bodies, thought to be New Zealanders, a tour guide and a boat captain who had taken tourists to the island.

Police said divers searched the sea around the island briefly in the afternoon before weather

conditions forced them to stop for the day. Aerial surveillance was also used to try to locate the two bodies.

“We do believe that at least one of them is in the water and the other one we are unsure,” but the body may be in the sea as well, Police Commissioner Mike Bush said at a news briefing. “We will continue to search for these people,” he added.

Conditions on land were good for Friday’s recovery operation and the volcano was “quiet” as the team worked, Police Deputy Commissioner Mike Clem-

ent said.

Scientists have warned that White Island, which is the exposed tip of a mostly undersea volcano, is “highly volatile,” and has been venting steam and mud regularly.

The eruption Monday occurred as 47 tourists and their guides were exploring the island. Many of the survivors were severely burned.

Counties-Manukau Health chief medical officer Dr. Peter Watson said 15 people are in burns units at various New Zealand hospitals, including 11 whose conditions are

“very critical.” All 13 Australians who suffered burns have been returned to Australia, he said.

Specialist medical teams were heading to New Zealand from Australia, Britain and the United States. Skin banks were also sending tissue to New Zealand hospitals to use for grafts.

Authorities say 24 Australians, nine Americans, five New Zealanders, four Germans, two Britons, two Chinese and a Malaysian were on the island at the time. Many were from a Royal Caribbean cruise ship that had left Sydney two days earlier.

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Graduating couple faces going their separate ways

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship for more than five years. My girlfriend and I will soon graduate from college. I have accepted a full-time job offer, and she will be going to grad school.

Dear Abby



A l m o s t certainly our relationship will have to be long-distance for a year or two, and she has given me an ultimatum. She says she doesn't want the stress of a long-distance relationship if it doesn't lead to anything in the future. I am torn. I like the status quo. I'm not sure if I want to propose and be locked into something without being 100% certain we are meant to be. What should I do? — Hesitant In The Heartland

DEAR HESITANT: I'm so glad you asked! Because you have been in a relationship for more than five years and are still not certain if this young woman is "The One," do her (and yourself) a favor and stop wasting her time. You both need to see others and gain more experience in the dating world before making a lifetime commitment. And don't worry about her. I'm sure she will do just fine.

DEAR ABBY: When my mother passed away three years ago, the financial burden fell on me. I asked my brother (who earns more than double what I do) to help and got no help from him. Since then, I have been paying her storage unit fee.

I asked my brother to pay half because half the stuff in this unit belongs to him and his family. I've never received a penny. He took it upon himself to go through the stuff and take what he wanted.

I have spent \$900 on this unit. I feel the contents are mine as I have more than paid for it. I'm willing to go through it together, but I feel he was wrong to have done it without me. Am I wrong? Am I overreacting? How do I deal with this without causing problems? I am way beyond upset. — Stuck With Stuff In Montana

DEAR STUCK: You are not wrong. Your brother should not have shouldered you out of the way to have first dibs on the contents in storage, and he should have been paying half the cost of the unit since her death. I am unsure what "problem" you are afraid of causing, because your brother appears to be the one causing the problem.

My inclination is to advise you that what is left in the unit is now yours to dispose of as you wish, but before doing that, you would be wise to consult an attorney. You should not be paying a monthly fee that is causing you financial stress.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law has sent me a friend request on Facebook. It might sound simple, but we are not friends. We don't hang out. Even though we live in the same city, we see each other only at family events.

I have never been good enough for her "angelic" son, whom I have supported for more than 15 years. Why would she want to be my FB friend now? She isn't trying to make amends. She's just being nosy. This is a lose-lose situation. Must I allow it? — Trapped In Hurricane Country

DEAR TRAPPED: You are no more trapped than you wish to be. Because someone sends a friend request does not mean that you are obligated to accept. My advice is to ignore it. Or, accept her invitation and use Facebook's timeline settings and the option to not "share" with her.

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  - 15 "I came," to Caesar
  - 16 Tell all
  - 17 Lose
  - 19 Be frightened of
  - 21 Bradley and McBain
  - 22 Raggedy doll
  - 23 Skiing mecca
  - 26 Unser rival
  - 28 Payable
  - 29 Pick out
  - 31 Faction
  - 35 The — the limit!
  - 37 Groundless
  - 39 Status —

- DOWN
- 1 Graduate
  - 2 Sasquatch cousin
  - 3 Alimony getters
  - 4 Listens to
  - 5 Triumphed
  - 6 Writer — Bagnold
  - 7 Says yes
  - 8 Homer opus
  - 9 Just great

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	S	T	I	B	E	T	L	I	L	T
D	O	R	M	L	E	I	R	O	N	
S	L	A	B	E	O	N	M	A	S	T
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F	O	R	E	S	B	O	P	O	T	T
A	N	A	F	I	A	L	S	H	I	M
Q	U	I	B	E	D	C	R	O	S	E
S	N	A	I	L	S	B	A	R	K	S
T	O	R	S	O	H	A	I	T	I	
J	E	T	E	W	O	E	D	A	T	E
I	R	I	S	E	S	A	I	D	E	S
F	I	S	T	D	U	D	C	A	M	P

- 10 Omelet ingredient
- 12 Skirted the issue
- 18 August kid, maybe
- 20 Sci-fi gun
- 23 QB objectives
- 24 Sea bird
- 25 Attention-getter
- 26 Disappear gradually
- 27 Night hunter
- 30 Dispose of
- 32 Student stats
- 33 Batman and Robin, e.g.
- 34 Goddess of dawn
- 36 Put away a sword
- 38 Final words
- 41 Kind of agent
- 43 Eco-friendly feds
- 44 Footballer — Rice
- 45 Put up
- 46 Meat avoider
- 48 No problem
- 50 Stork cousin
- 51 Billionth, in combos
- 52 Vortex
- 53 Groovy
- 55 Sorority letter

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10
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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

	9			2					
2		1	7	8					
3			4				2	6	
	7								6
	1			3				5	
4								7	
	8	6			2				1
				5	8	7			2
				7				8	

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How to play:

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	8	9	2	7	5	1	4	3
1	3	5	6	8	4	2	7	9
7	2	4	1	3	9	8	6	5
4	5	3	7	9	1	6	2	8
2	6	7	3	5	8	9	1	4
9	1	8	4	6	2	5	3	7
8	4	2	5	1	3	7	9	6
3	9	6	8	2	7	4	5	1
5	7	1	9	4	6	3	8	2

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BLACE

IVDVI

TRAGEH

LANHIE

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Yesterday's Jumbles: LIMBO OUNCE UNLESS THRASH Answer: The French cheese makers were always happy to take time to — SHOOT THE "BRIES"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Being the first president, I really should be larger. But people see me first anyway.

I thought you didn't lie. Bully!

Lighten up, George.

IF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT RUSHMORE CARVING CAME TO LIFE, HE'D ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

FAMILIAR ANSWERS to those usual holiday questions

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"Comet, Donder, Blitzen, Rudolph... ah... Dopey, Sneezzy..."

BEEBLE BAILEY

WOOF WOOF

I AGREE. WE REALLY DON'T NEED ANOTHER WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

SARGE READS A LOT INTO OTTO'S "WOOF'S"

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BLONDIE

WHATCHA DOIN', DADDY? (I'M CREATING OUR BUMSTEAD FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD)

WHY ARE THERE NO PICTURES OF US?

HEY, C'MON, I'M STILL WORKIN' ON IT!

Merry Christmas from the Bumsteads

Thanksgiving 4th of July

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HI & LOIS

SANTA BRINGS THE PRESENTS TO ALL THE GOOD GIRLS AND BOYS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

I HOPE THE UPS MAN GETS HERE BEFORE THAT.

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BC

NEVER BUY A HOUSE FROM A GUY WHO BRAGS ABOUT HOW SOUNDPROOF THE BASEMENT IS.

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WIZARD OF ID

HEY, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE POND ASKING PRINCESSES TO KISS YOU?

YEAH...

I FIGURE BUYING THEM A DRINK FIRST MIGHT IMPROVE MY ODDS

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DILBERT

DOGBERT'S TECH SUPPORT

I RECOMMEND TAKING POWERFUL ANTIDEPRESSANTS.

IT WON'T MAKE OUR PRODUCT ANY EASIER TO USE, BUT MAYBE YOU WON'T CARE AS MUCH.

OF COURSE IT WILL WORK. SHEESH! DENY SCIENCE MUCH?

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GARFIELD

WE SHOULD HAVE A FEAST FOR THE HOLIDAY...

TWO PIZZAS!

YES!

AND GET SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF!

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FORT KNOX

YOU STAGED A FIGHT SO WE COULD GET SAVED BY BETTY?

YEP. #9

NOW HE'S HAVING ICE CREAM WITH HER WHILE YOU'RE BRUISED

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MAKES YOU?

SANTA? NO. STUPID. #9

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PICKLES

I DROVE ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK TODAY TO DEPOSIT THAT CHECK FROM YOUR BROTHER.

THEN I REALIZED ITS SATURDAY. THE BANK IS CLOSED ON SATURDAY.

SO I WENT TO THE YARN BARN INSTEAD.

AH. I WAS WONDERING.

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The second coming of Christ will be revolutionary

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why do Christians always talk about the Second Coming of Christ? Isn't that the same as escapism that they

Billy Graham My Answer

ward to that day with anticipation. The salvation of society in the reordering of man's social institutions, consistent with the abolition of social injustice, war, poverty, and disease, will be taken out of man's hands. It won't be achieved by education, evolution, politics, technology, military power, or science. Nor will it be achieved by a universal church that can influence legislation in the parliaments and congresses of nations, so as to produce such benevolent acts of men that all hate, evil, and sin will be abolished. The salvation of society will come about by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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ers and forces released by the return of Jesus Christ. It will be the prophesied fulfillment of redemption applied to every phase of human life and national existence. The second coming of Christ will be so revolutionary that it will change every aspect of life on this planet. Christ will reign in righteousness. Disease will be arrested, death modified, war abolished, and nature changed. Mankind will live as it was originally intended. What a promise God has given to those who follow Him as Lord. It is not escapism; it is a rescue mission.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"B T J Y J H R J G F R D Z P D Y Z J S X  
B V J P O C , N P Y F Y ' D Z P D Y B D  
F G E J V Y B O Y Y J U X Y Y A X Y V P Y A J P Y  
Y A X V X . " — T F D B T B G E B O X T T F

Previous Solution: "My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands, and two of them were just napping." — Rita Rudner

TODAY'S CLUE: 9 5 1 2 6 4 1 1



